

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ann M. Cannoni on June 1, 2006.

Claim 34, line 8, after "anhydride" insert --with the epoxy resin--.

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Claim 40, lines ~~4-5~~⁵⁻⁶, replace "to an extent that a partially cured epoxy composition is obtained which forms" with --to form--.

Claim 41, line 2, replace "50 C to about 100 C" with --50°C to about 100°C--.

Claim 42, line 2, replace "composition" with --resin--.

Cancel claims 1-6, 8-22, 26-33 and 35-38.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs, rejections have been addressed by the amendment filed April 25, 2006 wherein the affirmative presence of the epoxy resin and cyclic anhydride is defined in independent claim 34. The initiation of the reaction of the cyclic anhydride in step (b) is enabled by page 8, paragraph 29, lines 1-4 of the specification wherein the initiation can be accomplished by various agents such as water, hydroxyls or a Lewis base in addition to the polyol.